

I feel that it is hard enough as it is for local news and individual viewpoints to be heard in the current state of communications. I would ask you to not allow these changes to take place. For one thing, I do not believe there has been enough public discussion of this topic. I have not seen this topic mentioned once on anything but PBS. People need to know there is a public discussion about this topic going on. I would suggest buying advertising time to let the people know what is going on and that they have a voice in it. A five year study showed that "overall the data strongly suggest regulatory changes that encourage heavy concentration of ownership in local television by a few large corporations will erode the quality of news Americans receive."

If only a few people control the radio and TV communications they can restrict speech that they feel is not in their best interests, like news that there is a public forum for people to debate lifting the communications ownership restrictions. So if anything I think the restrictions should be made tougher so that all types of news will make it to the public. Thanks.